**SCAVENGER**

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**VISIT THE ANIMALS OF THE ARCTIC**

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**Directions:** Many unique animals live in the Arctic area

surrounding the North Pole. The animals are special because

they have to survive in a cold and barren land. Learn more

about those animals from kids who live in the Arctic region

too. Then answer the questions below.

**Web Resources:** Animals of the Arctic

<http://tqjunior.thinkquest.org/3500>

1. The United States is one of eight nations represented in the Arctic region. How many people live in the entire Arctic region?
2. Which Arctic animal has the warmest fur – the Arctic fox, the polar bear, or the Arctic wolverine?
3. Under all its fur, what color is a polar bear’s skin?
4. What animal family do Arctic wolverines belong to?
5. What kind of fat helps protect Arctic animals such as the walrus from the cold?

**Something to think about:** Adaptations are changes that animals undergo in order to survive in a particular environment. What adaptations do you think help Arctic animals live in that cold, snowy land?

**Learn More:** After looking at the satellite photograph of the northern hemisphere at <http://tqjunior.thinkquest.org/3500/Satellite.htm>, find out what your area of Earth looks like from space. Go to Earth View at <http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Earth/action?opt=-s>, type in the latitude and longitude of your city or town, and then choose a view. To find the latitude and longitude of your city, go to Tiger Map at <http://tiger.census.gov/cgi-bin/mapbrowse-tbl>, type in the name of your city, and click Search.